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DEADPOOL: THE CIRCLE CHASE

A SURVIVOR OF WEAPON X!!!

!!! A VICTIM OF TOLLIVER'S WILL!

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# DEADPOOL

SARAJEVO, YUGOSLAVIA.
OVER THE LAST TWO YEARS, WAR HAS TORN THIS CITY TO SHREDS.
THE FRACTIOUS CIVIL STRIFE HAS HELPED MAKE SARAJEVO THE PERFECT PLACE--

# THE CIRCLE CHASE ROUND 1

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NO SHINOLA, SHERLOCK!
YOU FEEBS THINK YOU CAN S&D ON ME?!
SET 'CHER SELVES UP, GRUNTS--YER ABOUT TA FALL LIKE--
DUCKS IN A ROW!
DEADPOOL CREATED BY ROB LIEFELD WITH FABIAN NICIEZA

WHAT KINDA GEEK MANEUVER IS THIS ?
I'VE SEEN TOUGHER G.I. JOES THAN YOU !
I MEAN BEFORE THEY GOT THAT BIGGY "LIFE-LIKE HAIR" FUZZ AND KUNG-FU GRIP CRUD.
AN' ALSO BEFORE THEY GOT SHRUNK DOWN, THE POOR DUDE.
KRAKT
I'M TALKIN' ORIGINAL PLASTIC HAIR, FATIGUE-WEARIN', SCAR-ON-THE-FACE, TEN-INCH-TALL, TOUGH-GUY G.I. JOE !
COME TA THINK OF IT--
AN' I MEAN TAKE YER PICK HERE--
--MOD-HAIR KEN--
--DISCO KEN--
--I'VE SEEN TOUGHER KEN DOLLS THAN YOU !
SHAKK
FLPP
FLPP
--SUMMER-FUN KEN--
--I-LET-BARBIE-WHIP-ME-'COS-I'M-A-WUSS-KEN--
THUKCH
ANY O' YOU GUYS LISSENIN' T'ME ?

GUESS NOT.
Y'KNOW, IT'S JUST IMPOSSIBLE T' FIND GOOD CONVERSATION IN THIS TOWN!
IF I RUN INTO ONE MORE BRADY BUNCH GROUP OF MERC'S WHILE I'M HERE --
-I'LL JUST CUT MY OWN EARS OFF FOR HAVING EVER EVEN HEARD THE NAME TOLLIVER!
HE WAS THE BEST PAYING ARMS DEALING, MONEY LAUNDERING, BIKE STEALING, PUPPY CRUSHIN' BOSS I EVER HAD--
--BUT EVER SINCE HE DIED, THE MERC BUSINESS SHOOR HAS TAKEN A GREG LOUGANIS!
YA WONDER, WHAT EVER HAPPENED TA HONOR AMONG THIEVES?
KLIK
"KLIK"--?
KLIK--?!
WEASEL!! I COME ALL THIS WAY AN' YOU POINT A GUN AT ME?!
FWPP
ARE YOU OUT OF YOUR MIND?!
I OUGHTTA...
WADE-- ZAT'S YOU?
WHO DID YOU THINK IT WAS?
I DUNNO!

WHO ELSE IS GONNA COME VISIT YOU IN THE MIDDLE OF THIS MESS.
MY MOM CAME BY LAST WEEK.
'SIDES, WHY DIDN'T YOU JUST TELE-PORT HERE LIKE YOU ALWAYS DO?
AH, SOMETHIN'S ON THE FRITZ. THE CRUMMY 'PORT SYSTEMS IN THE COSTUME DON'T WORK!
BEEN KEEPIN' THE PLACE REEEAL NICE, HERE, WEAZ.
I HEARD THROUGH THE GRAPEVINE THAT YOU GOT A TARGET ON YOUR BACK, WADE.
NOT JUST ME.
ANYONE WHO EVER WORKED FOR TOLLIVER.
BECAUSE OF THE WILL?
TOLLIVER'S WILL YOU MEAN?
YOU KNOW 'BOUT THAT, HUH, WEAZ?
YER GETTIN' BETTER IN YER OLD AGE, KID.
STARVIN', MAN--GOT ANYTHIN' T'EAT IN THIS DUMP?

OKAY, OKAY-- LET ME GET THIS CRYSTAL--
--TOLLIVER GOT KILLED BY CABLE, RIGHT?
SO FAR'S WE KNOW.
AND HE LEFT HIS ENTIRE ESTATE--PROPERTY, WEAPONS AND ALL-- UP FOR GRABS?
STOP THE PRESSES!
ON A ROLL, WEAZ-- BIG-BRAIN YOU ARE LIKE THAT LITTLE PUNK ON THOSE ENCYCLOPEDIA COMMERCIALS.
BUT THE WILL HE LEFT.. WHICH NO ONE HAS ACTUALLY SEEN.. SAYS "TO THE VICTOR GO THE SPOILS"?
WEAZ, YER ANSLIN' ON SOMETHIN' HERE--
--AN' IF YOU'RE THINKIN' OF PUTTIN' A KNIFE IN MY BACK--!
WADE, DOWN BOY-- DOWN!
YOU KNOW THAT I KNOW NOTHING SHORT OF A NUKE WILL TAKE YOU OUT!
JUST SO'S WE'RE CLEAR ON THAT ONE.
I CAME HERE FOR A REASON, WEAZ--
--I WANNA KNOW WHAT THE BUZZ MIGHT BE ON VANESSA.
SHE UP AN' DISAPPEARED AFTER HER FRIEND TINA GOT ICED.*
NOT LIKE I CARE FOR THAT SHAPESHIFTER OR ANYTHING!
I'M WORRIED, IS ALL. ROUGH TIMES, Y'KNOW?
--IN X-FORCE #22.--SIZE
THEY'RE ABOUT TO GET ROUGHER..

TIME FOR SOME STRAIGHT TALK.
'CAUSE IF I DON'T HEAR WHAT I WANT TO HEAR WADE WILSON--
--WEAPON X IS TAKING YOU DOWN!!

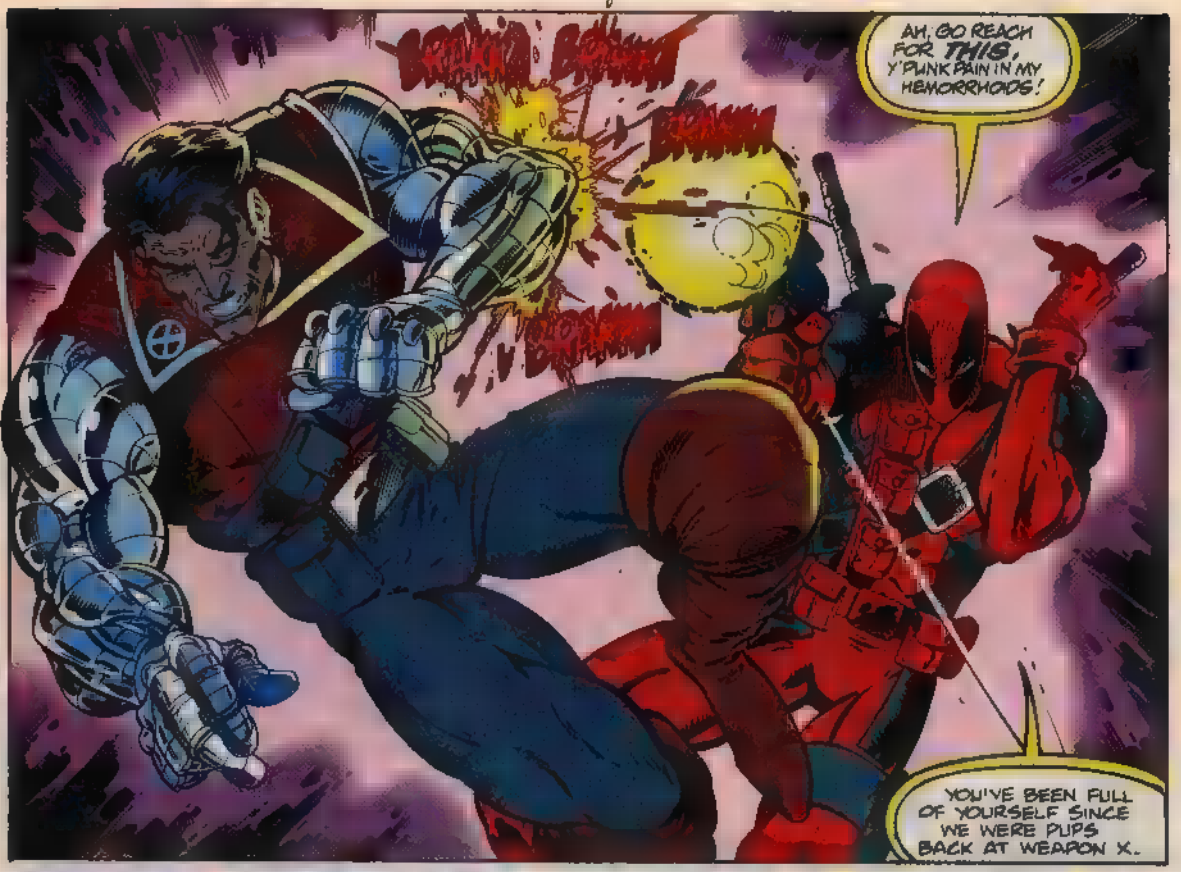
A GENETIC RESEARCH FACILITY TWENTY-FIVE MILES OUTSIDE OF ANGOULEME, FRANCE.
WHERE IS HE--?!!
INCROYABLE--!
S'ENFUIR!!
I WANT YOU TO SHOW ME WHERE BLACK TOM IS!!
AND I WOULD LIKE TO SHOW YOU, MR. MARKO.
HUH--?
DOWN HERE.

WHO THE BLAZES ARE YOU ?
LOUIS BANQUE. DIRECTOR OF DIRECT DIRECTIONS.
CALL ME LOU.
I'M GONNA CALL YOU FIST-SCRAPE 'LESS YOU TELL ME WHERE TOM IS !
OF COURSE, MR. MARKO.
I'LL BE JUGGERNAUT, WHEN I'M IN THE UNION SUIT !
WHATEVER. REALLY.
ALL YOU HAD TO DO IS ASK.
THIS WAY, MR. JUGGERNAUT.
YOUR FRIEND [redacted] BEEN IN VERY GOOD HANDS THESE LAST FEW MONTHS.
MR. FOLEY WAS VERY EXPLICIT IN RELAYING MR. TOLLIVER'S INSTRUCTIONS AS TO THE CARE OF YOUR PARTNER, MR. CASSIDY.
VRREEP
SWISH
HOLY SPIT !
I PRESENT YOU-- BLACK TOM CASSIDY!

NEW DELHI, INDIA.
HAFF
HUFF
HAFF
HUFF
WE'RE ON YOU, NYKO--!!
SHUKK
SHUKK
YEAH, YEAH, YEAH..
KLIKT
JUMP ON THIS AN' CHEW, YOU MERCENARY LOW-LIFES!!
SHA
BOOM
TOL' YA CHOWDERHEADS MORE'N ONCE--
--JUS' 'CAUSE MY POOR, DEARLY DEPARTED BROTHER, PICO, WAS TOLLIVER'S RIGHT-HAND MAN--
--DON'T MEAN I KNOW SQUAT ABOUT HIS STUPID TOLLIVER WILL!!

AYEEAAGH!
PHUM!
DON'T FORGET, BOYS--MY FAMILY MAY [redacted] SMALL--
--BUT WE CARRY BIG GUNS!
AND MAY I ADD, MR. HALFCHANAGHAN, YOU FIRE THEM VERY WELL.
SHIK KLIK
COURIER?
INDEED. WHEN TAKING YOUR [redacted] ROLE AS VALET AND CONFIDANT TO MR. TOLLIVER INTO ACCOUNT--
--IT IS UNDERSTANDABLE WHY SO MANY PEOPLE HAVE CONSIDERED YOU A PRIME SOURCE OF INFORMATION OF TOLLIVER'S SECRET WILL.
JOKE'S ON THEM. I GOT NOTHIN' T'GIVE 'EM.
AN' CALL ME NYKO. MR. HALFCHANAGHAN WAS MY OLD MAN.
I NEED YOU TO MESSENGER A WORK ORDER FOR ME.
TO WHICH PARTY AM I DELIVERING?
THE EXECUTIVE ELITE.
AND TO WHICH PARTY IS THE ORDER INTENDED FOR?
DEADPOOL.
FOR BEING A PART OF MY BROTHER'S COLD-BLOODED MURDER--
--I WANT DEADPOOL KILLED!

IN SARAJEVO, THE ACTION CONTINUES...
I WANT TO KNOW WHERE VANESSA IS, WADE--
--AND I WANT TO KNOW NOW!
OH, RIGHT AS A WING -- LIKE I'M GONNA TELL YOU WHAT I KNOW, KANE!
GTHPFOPLWK YOU ALWAYS BRPWSNOT-NOSE!
WHERE DID [redacted] THINGS COME FROM?!
SMPPT
THE MORE BIONICS YOU END UP WITH, THE DUMBER YOU SEEM TO GET!
THERE'S BEEN A FEW IMPROVEMENTS IN THE HARD-WARE--
--SINCE THE LAST TIME WE DANCED, WADE.*
SO I SHOULD BE IMPRESSED?
THEY'RE IDIOTS. BOTH OF THEM. TOTAL IDIOTS!
*SEE CABLE #1--SUZ


BRAKKA
BRAKKA
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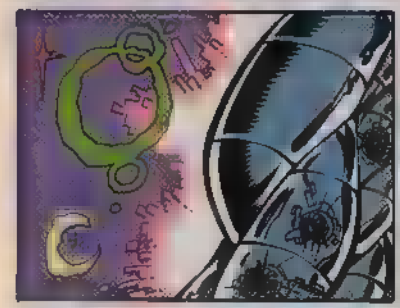
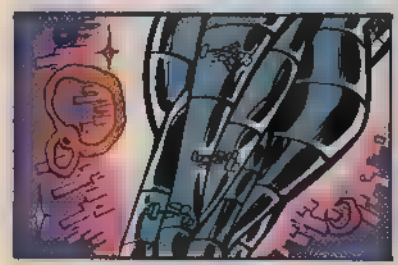
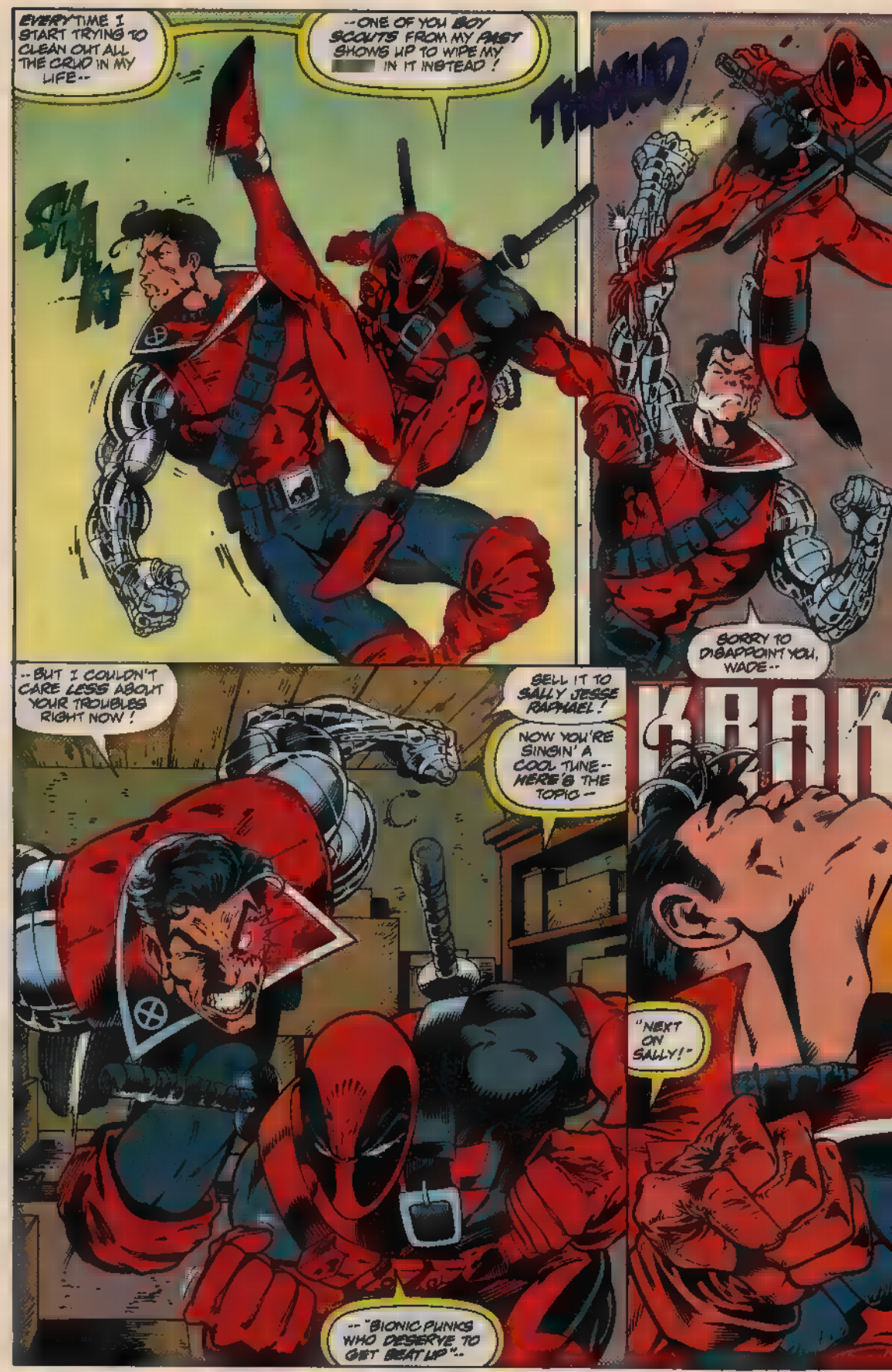
BRAKKA
AH, GO REACH FOR THIS, Y'PUNK PAIN IN MY HEMORRHOIDS!
YOU'VE BEEN FULL OF YOURSELF SINCE WE WERE PUPS BACK AT WEAPON X.

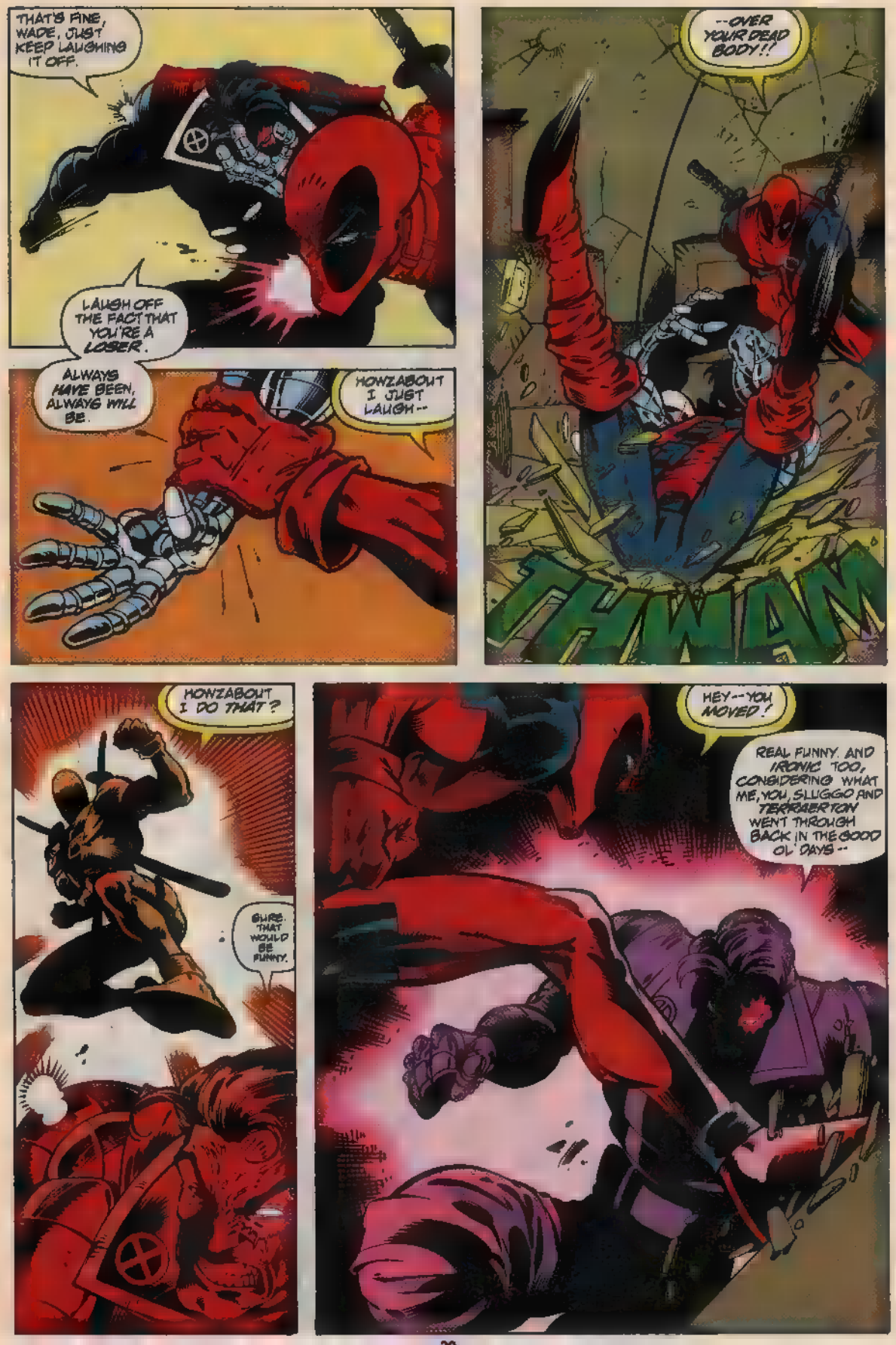




DID YOU LOOSE THESE WITTY-BITTY BUWWETS, WADE-BOY?

AH, GEEEZ, DO I HATE YOUR SELF-REPAIRING GUTS, OR WHAT?!

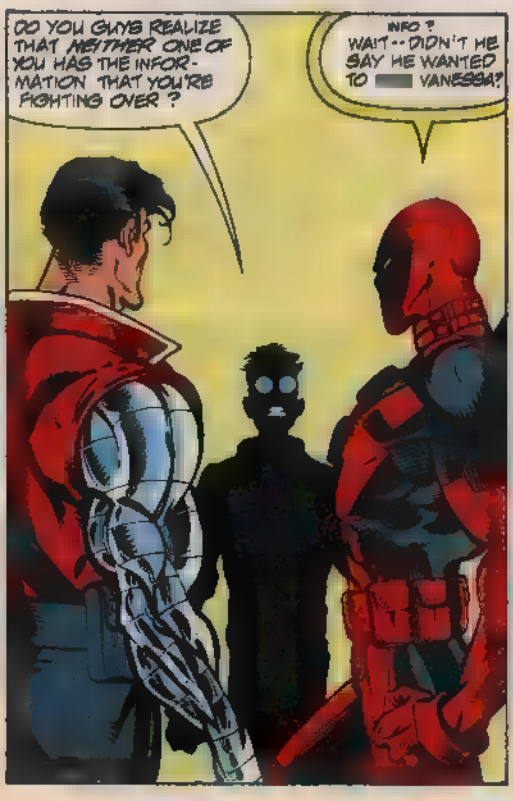

EVERYTIME I START TRYING TO CLEAN OUT ALL THE CRUD IN MY LIFE--
--ONE OF YOU BOY SCOUTS FROM MY PAST SHOWS UP TO WIPE MY [redacted] IN IT INSTEAD !
SHAAA
THWUD
SORRY TO DISAPPOINT YOU, WADE--
KRAK
--BUT I COULDN'T CARE LESS ABOUT YOUR TROUBLES RIGHT NOW !
SELL IT TO SALLY JESSE RAPHAEL !
NOW YOU'RE SINGIN' A COOL TUNE-- HERE'S THE TOPIC --
"NEXT ON SALLY!"
--"BIONIC PUNKS WHO DESERVE TO GET BEAT UP"--


THAT'S FINE, WADE, JUST KEEP LAUGHING IT OFF.
LAUGH OFF THE FACT THAT YOU'RE A LOSER.
ALWAYS HAVE BEEN, ALWAYS WILL BE.
HOWZABOUT I JUST LAUGH--
--OVER YOUR DEAD BODY!!
THWAM
HOWZABOUT I DO THAT?
SURE. THAT WOULD BE FUNNY.
HEY--YOU MOVED!
REAL FUNNY. AND IRONIC TOO, CONSIDERING WHAT ME, YOU, SLUGGO AND TERRAERTON WENT THROUGH BACK IN THE GOOD OL' DAYS--

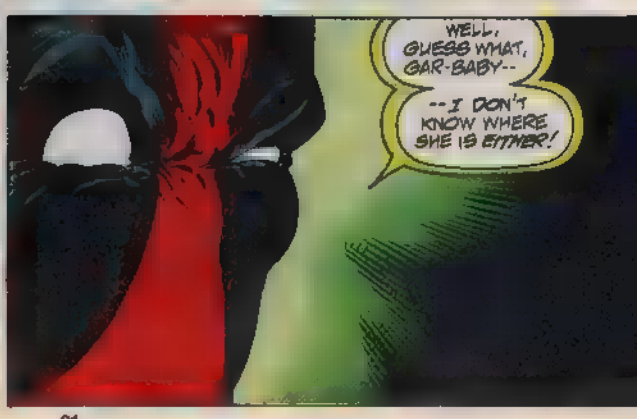
UNFORTUNATELY FOR YOU, WADE, YOU'RE JUST NOT AS GOOD AT KILLING AS YOU PRETEND TO BE.
--INCLUDING VANESSA AND ME--
--WOULDN'T STILL BE AROUND [redacted] YOUR HUMP, NOW WOULD WE?
'CAUSE IF YOU WERE, SO MANY OF YOUR SUP-POSSED KILLS--
I TOLD YOU TO KEEP 'NESSIE OUT OF THIS-- THAT [redacted] PERSONAL-- YOU'RE JUST A BLOODY NOSE I GOTTA WIPE CLEAN EVERY ONCE IN A WHILE!

UHM-- GUYS--

--GUYS!!
WHAT?!


DO YOU GUYS REALIZE THAT NEITHER ONE OF YOU HAS THE INFOR-MATION THAT YOU'RE FIGHTING OVER?
INFO? WAIT-- DIDN'T HE SAY HE WANTED TO [redacted] VANESSA?

NO-- YOU IDIOT-- I SAID I WANTED TO FIND HER!


WELL, GUESS WHAT, GAR-BABY--
--I DON'T KNOW WHERE SHE IS EITHER!

A-DUH.
OKAY, FINE -- I ACT LIKE AN IDIOT WHEN IT COMES TO WILSON.
FINE.
SORRY.
I HAVE A HISTORY WITH THE CHUMP.
FINE.
SO SHE ME.
WAITAMINNIT! WHADDYOU WANT MY BABE FOR ANYWAY?
EX-BABE. AND I HAVE AN OFFER TO MAKE HER.
WELL, I'M TRYIN' T'REACH HER BEFORE SOME-ONE ELSE KILLS HER FIRST!
GET ME OUT OF THIS ASYLUM!
SHE IS A PRIME TARGET FOR ALL OF THIS FIASCO WITH THE TOLLIVER WILL.
HEY! I GOT DIBS ON ICING HER.
AND YOU KNOW THE ONE PERSON ON THIS PLANET HE WANTS DEAD, DON'T YOU?
SHYEAH--%R@#--HE WANTS THE GUY WHO KILLED HIM--
WHAT A ROMANTIC. WILSON -- I'D BE WORRIED MORE ABOUT YOUR OWN NECK, IF I WERE YOU.
WHAT? THIS WILL THING? BIG DEAL. MEXICAN FOOD IS TOUGHER TO HANDLE THAN A BUNCHA THIRD-RATE MERCS-FOR-HIRE.
YOU--DON'T-- KNOW?
KNOW WHAT?
OH, THIS IS ABSOLUTELY FROSTING ON THE CAKE. MY DAY IS MADE.
SLAYBACK HAS BEEN SPOTTED. ALIVE AND UNWELL.
--HE WANTS ME!

INSIDE THE UNDER-GROUND COMPLEX OF DEPARTMENT K, OUTSIDE OF ST. JOHN'S, NEWFOUNDLAND --
-- A COVERT OPERATION, FUNCTIONING UNDER THE AUSPICES OF THE CANADIAN GOVERNMENT, BUT FUNDED BY AN INTERNATIONAL CONSORTIUM.
FOR A DECADE, IT HAS BEEN CONCERNED WITH THE CREATION, OPERATION AND MAINTENANCE OF GENETICALLY ENHANCED SOLDIERS.
NOW, IT WILL PAY THE PRICE FOR ONE THAT GOT AWAY...
HEY-- YOU-- MISTER--
DON'T MOVE!
SHLUK
THWUMP

RECORDS ROOM
A-4 CLEARANCE REQUIRED
FSHHCH
KRYA-THANKSH
KANE, GARRISON
WILSON, WADE
SLAYBACK IS ALIVE.
AGAIN.
LET THE KILLING BEGIN...

AT THE RESEARCH FACILITY OUTSIDE OF ANGOULEME, FRANCE...
BANQUE-- WHAT HAVE YOU DONE TO HIM?
WHY, WE HAVE SAVED HIS LIFE, MR. MARKO.
YES, INDEED, WHEN MR. TOLLIVER FIRST BROUGHT YOUR FRIEND TO US--
--HE WAS QUITE THE FRIGHTFUL SIGHT. QUITE.
MORE HOLES IN HIM THAN AN ALIBI ON MURDER SHE WROTE, I'D VENTURE TO SAY.
BUT--
--UNDER ALL THAT JUNK--
--IS HE OKAY--?
WHY DON'T YOU ASK HIM YOURSELF?
TOM--?
CAIN, ME BOYO--IS THAT YOU?
YEAH, TOM-- IT'S ME.
I FINALLY FOUND YOU.
YOU OKAY?
AYE, FRIEND...
...NEVER FELT BETTER. BUT I'LL FEEL EVEN FITTER, I WILL--

-- IF'N YE POINT ME IN THE DIRECTION OF THE FIRST PERSON --
-- WHO NEEDS T'BE FLEECED, FINAGLED OR KILLED!
NEXT
BLACK TOM AND JUGGERNAUT
ON THE CHASE FOR THE TOLLMEER WILL
--AND GUESS WHO THEY RUN HEADLONG INTO?
PLUS: SLAYBACK! THE EXECUTIVE ELITE! VANESSA! AND BECAUSE NO ONE CARES -- THE RETURN OF SLUGGO!
SEE YA IN THIRTY!!